

-Meeting Notice-

**California Bay-Delta Authority Science Program  
Battle Creek Science Panel  
Report of Findings**

February 5, 2004  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Red Bluff Community/Senior Center  
1500 South Jackson  
Red Bluff, CA

**Background:**

On October 7 and 8, 2003, the California Bay-Delta Science Program convened a technical workshop as part of a review of some key issues involved in restoring salmonid habitat in Battle Creek, a tributary to the Sacramento River. This review is being conducted by a panel of distinguished scientists who have not been involved in the restoration program, yet who have the necessary background in genetics, fish health, hatchery-wild fish interactions, population dynamics, and basic salmonid biology needed to assess the effects of hatcheries on naturally spawning salmonids. The review focused on the role and impacts of facilities and operations of the Coleman National Fish Hatchery, a large federal mitigation hatchery located on Battle Creek, and the effects on restoration efforts. In addition to the workshop, the Science Program provided the panel with numerous written documents related to the hatchery and Battle Creek restoration (workshop summary will be posted to the Science Program website by January 22, 2004 <<http://science.calwater.ca.gov>>).

**Purpose of the Panel Presentation:**

The meeting will provide a public forum for the scientific panel to orally present its findings and be available to answer questions from interested individuals. The panel will release its findings on or shortly after January 26, 2004 and the report will be posted on the CBDA website at <http://science.calwater.ca.gov>. Prospective attendees are encouraged to read the panel report before coming to the meeting.

**Format:**

The panel will present their findings, followed by an open question and answer period. After the questions and answers, CBDA staff will describe the next steps in the restoration process, including the possibility of continued oversight by an independent panel.

**For More Information:**

- Registration for the event is not required. For more information contact Jana Machula, at the Bay-Delta Science Program, [janam@calwater.ca.gov](mailto:janam@calwater.ca.gov) or 916-445-0715.
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Pauline Nevins, California Bay-Delta Program at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.